

REMARKS

By the present Preliminary Amendment, the Abstract has been amended so that it is more in line with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.72(b) and MPEP §608.01(b) and all multiple dependency has been eliminated from the original claims. It is to be understood that the revisions to the claims are solely for formalistic purposes and not with regard to patentability and that applicants reserve the right to pursue claims directed to other aspects of the invention encompassed by the original multiple dependent claims or described in the specification.

Entry of the instant Preliminary Amendment and favorable consideration on the merits are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the subject application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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